And gentlemen in England, now a-bed,
Shall think themselves accurs'd, they were not here:
And hold their manhoods cheap, while any speaks^
That fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day[5].

Enter SALISBURY*

SAL. My sovereign lord, bestow yourself with
speed :
The French are bravely[6] in their battles set,
And will with all expedience[7] charge on us.

K. HEN. All things are ready, if our minds be so.

WEST. Perish the man, whose mind is backward
now!

K. HEN. Thou dost not wish more help from
England, cousin ?

WEST. God's will, my liege, 'would you and I
alone,
Without more help, might fight this battle out[8]!

K. HEN. Why, now thou hast unwish'd five thou-
sand men[9] j

who mentions it, and observes thereon, citing Gore's Catalog. Rei
Herald. Introduct. and Sandford's Geneal. Hist. p. 283,
VAILLANT.

5 — upon Saint Crispin's day.] This speech, like many others
of the declamatory kind, is too long. Had it been contracted to
about half the number of lines, it might have gained force, and
lost none of the sentiments. JOHNSON.

6—bravely—] Is *splendidly> ostentatiously.* JOHNSON.
Rather—gallantly. So, in The Tempest:
" *Bravely* the figure of this harpy hast thou
" Perform'd, my Ariel! " STEEVENS.

7 expedience —] i. e. expedition. So, in King Richard II.:
" Are making hither with all due *expedience*."
STEEVENS.

8 MIGHT fight this battle OUT !] Thus the quarto. The
folio reads:
« *could* fight this *royal* battle."
MALONE.

9— thou hast unwish'd five thousand men;] By wishing only
thyself and me, thou hast wished five thousand men away. Shak-
speare never thinks of such trifles as numbers. In the last scene

the French are said to *befull threescore thousand,*
which Exeter